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SUBJECT: INSTRUCTION: VOTE NO ON UN-CTBT COOPERATION
RESOLUTION

¶1. (U) Voting Instruction: U.S. representatives should not participate in discussions on this resolution, but should nonetheless continue our past practice of voting against this resolution. U.S. delegation should call for a vote if no other delegation does so.

¶2. Background: The U.S. Senate in 1999 declined to give its advice and consent to the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty (CTBT). The Administration does not support the CTBT and does not intend to seek Senate advice and consent to its ratification. The United States continues to observe its nuclear testing moratorium and encourages other states not to test. The U.S. has continued to work, as appropriate, with working groups of the CTBTO Preparatory Commission (PrepCom) and with its Provisional Technical Secretariat (PTS) on issues pertaining to the IMS. In meetings of the Preparatory Commission the U.S. has viewed cooperation with the UN as outside the scope of its involvement with the CTBTO PrepCom. Resolution 61/47 noted reports by the UN Secretary General on cooperation with the PrepCom and by the PrepCom Executive Secretary. It put the item on the agenda of the 63rd UNGA. The resolution passed the General Assembly with a vote of (133-1(U.S.)-0). Fifty-seven States were absent from the vote.
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